

'SHELL GAME' SEEN IN CARRANZA'S PLAN

Capital Amazed at Opening of
Bureau Here to Settle Amer-
icans' Claims.

MEXICANS THE JUDGES

Scheme With Dubious Fea-
tures Is Not Approved by
State Department.

Special Dispatch to The Sun.
WASHINGTON, July 8.—First Chief Carranza, having failed to reach an agreement with the United States over the question of deciding how American claims against Mexico should be considered, has resorted to a new method of procedure. He has decided to ignore the State Department's objections to his exclusive Mexican claims commission and invite Americans to deal directly with Mexico irrespective of the views of their own Government. As an initial move in this plan, officials here note that Carranza already has established a financial agency at 120 Broadway, and has begun to advertise his willingness to settle claims along these vaguely summarized. Gen. Carranza is understood to have been instructed to do business with the American claimants direct and not to waste further time trying to obtain an official "O. K." on Carranza's scheme from Washington.

The effect of this latest Carranza move has partly amazed and partly amused officials here. They do not exactly know whether to view it as an affront to diplomatic procedure or a new form of propaganda. To some officials it has the earmarks of the old fashioned "shell game," because little doubt is entertained as to the fate of American claimants who permit themselves to be "sopped in" by the apparently alluring offer of Mexican readiness to pay money to American citizens.

At first blush it would seem that any

American who deliberately trusted a claim to a scheme which his Government does not endorse was taking chances, but curiously enough it is rather expected here that some of the first American appeals to the Carranza agency may be speedily rewarded in the same manner that players at the gaming table sometimes win at the very start in order to encourage play.

The Mexican First Chief's plan is to force all American claimants to deal with a commission made up exclusively of Mexicans, who are naturally ready to do Carranza's bidding and protect his meagre supply of funds. The United States Government has been asked by Carranza to approve this plan, but has refused on the ground that American interests would not be sufficiently protected.

The State Department has made suggestions to Carranza to change the makeup of the so-called commission in such manner as to protect Americans. This Carranza has refused. Gen. Aguilar has been wrestling with the problem without success because the United States Government has refused persistently to accept anything which provided various and sundry loopholes whereby American claimants could be victimized.

There have been suggestions that the commission be made up of some Americans as well as Mexicans, so that the cards could not be stacked for important decisions. But the idea of having Americans identified with the rulings was rejected by Mexico. Carranza agreed to permit appeals to be made from the commission's decisions, and in that event Mexican, one American and one outside judge would pass upon matters at issue.

The prospect, however, of permitting the exclusively Mexican commission to drag American claims along year in and year out prior to any appeal did not appear promising. Therefore Aguilar failed and left Washington without having obtained approval of Carranza's plan. It is understood that Aguilar knew pretty well that the United States Government had seen through the various subtleties by which Carranza hoped to prevent American claimants from ever getting hold of any real money.

But Carranza presumably refused to be checkmated by the United States State Department. He decided apparently to launch his scheme regardless of the State Department and ordered his

agents here to establish headquarters in New York and invite claimants to trust to him instead of to the United States Government.

As matters now stand Carranza may in effect to American claimants: "Submit your claims to my agency at 120 Broadway and they will be taken care of."

The American Government says in effect: "Do not submit your claims to the Mexican agency because it is safer for you to rely on your own Government and not on a proposition which we have examined and not endorsed."

EX-KAISER NOT WORRYING.

Doubt Expressed That Dutch Will Give Him Up for Trial.

By the Associated Press.

AMSTERDAM, July 6 (delayed).—Former Emperor William and his wife apparently are unperturbed by the possibility that proceedings will be brought by the Entente for the extradition of the former from Holland.

Members of the former monarch's suite have indicated in conversations with the correspondent that in their opinion any proceedings from allied quarters would be protracted for many months without any certainty that the Netherlands Government would consent to hand the former Kaiser over for trial.

They are almost unanimously convinced they are here for a long sojourn and are making preparations accordingly.

FRANCE HONORS GEN. MANGIN.

Army Commander Awarded Grand Cross of Legion of Honor.

PARIS, July 8.—The Grand Cross of the Legion of Honor has been awarded to Gen. Mangin.

Gen. Mangin, one of the most prominent leaders during the war, first came into general notice by his counter-offensive against the Germans in the Verdun region in October, 1916. Later he directed the French offensive on the Aisne, and was in command of the French and American forces which launched the great counter attack against the Germans on July 18, 1918, between Soissons and Chateau Thierry. More recently he has been in command of the French army occupying the May-Saint-Germain.

HIGHER FARES ARE CERTAIN IN CITY

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nual rentals. The rentals have been attacked as excessive.

It is improbable that the leases will be renewed in the next reorganization without being changed to make the rental dependent upon the earnings of the individual lines.

Problems of R. R. T.

The problems of R. R. T. reorganization will be largely those of the readjustment of mortgages and the relations of the companies. In the course of the consolidation arrangements were made that are bewildering. There are underlying mortgages covering one strip of track with three-fourths owned by one subsidiary and one-fourth by another, with a mortgage lien covering each portion.

The problems connected with reorganizing the traction systems are of the utmost complexity. The labor of adjusting legal details alone is prodigious. The adjustment of conflicting claims will mean months of tedious negotiation. Creditors' interests may be placated and brought into agreement while their claims are shaved to fit into the general plan.

A new factor that will be of great importance in the reorganizations is the development of judicial procedure relating to receiverships. Formerly it was the practice in the Federal court to leave reorganizations to negotiation between the claimants. Judge Mayer, who is directing the traction receivership, was in charge of the receivership of the Astor, Explosive Company. In the struggle between the common stockholders of that company on the one hand and the preferred stock and bondholders on the other over the terms of reorganization Judge Mayer acted as mediator. He held hearings for oral argument, made suggestions, drew up a plan of reorganization, changed it as points made in opposition impressed him and finally brought an agreement and the discharge of the receivers.

Judge Mayer refused yesterday to grant the applications of the stockholders of the Eighth and Ninth avenue surface lines to sever them from the New York Railways system and release them from the receivership for operation by their owners. The applications were assigned to bring about a charge of 3 cents for transfers at sixty-nine points where free transfers are now given. He asked that a trial be had under the new arrangement before the disintegration of the green car system is begun.

Michael Kiriland, counsel for the stockholders, argued vehemently in support of the application. He submitted a plan of operation for the two lines and said that a general manager and chief engineer had been engaged.

Bronson Winthrop, of counsel for the receiver, opposed the application. He pointed out the objections that lie in the fact that the independent companies must rely on the New York Railways Company for operation. These companies, as well as the New York Railways, have no power houses or cars and make use of franchises not their own in parts of their routes.

The court's decision was not final. He set Friday for a hearing on the application for the Eighth Avenue Railroad Company and August 28 for a hearing for the Ninth Avenue Railroad Company.

Judge Mayer also named August 28 as the day for a hearing on the application of Receiver Hedges to discontinue service of several green car lines over the Williamsburg Bridge.

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HID MAN'S ASHES IN PILLAR.

Attempt to Conceal Box in The Bronx Funnies Police.

Why any one should take the trouble to attempt to conceal a box containing the ashes of Frederick Winkler, who died last January 1, at the age of 64, and whose body was cremated by the United States Cremation Company at Middle Village, Queens, in the hollow at the base of a pillar supporting the structure of the New York, Westchester and Boston Railroad, at 2122 street, The Bronx, is something the police were puzzling about last night.

The box containing the ashes was discovered yesterday afternoon by August Detmen, 19 years old, of 2408 Weckman avenue, The Bronx. He pointed it out to Patrolman Lisowsky, who took it to the Wakefield station, where it was opened. The box bore the number 19,231, and was inscribed with Winkler's name and the date of his death and cremation. Detective Caplanow was assigned to the case.

BURR MAPS FIGHT FOR FREE TRANSFERS

If Nixon Refuses Plea Court Aid Will Be Sought.

Corporation Counsel Burr's first move in the fight the city administration intends to make for the retention of free transfers on the New York Railways system will be to ask Public Service Commissioner Nixon to reopen the case. This Mr. Nixon undoubtedly will decline to do. Then Mr. Burr will apply to the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court for a writ of certiorari and pending a decision, which cannot be had until fall, he will ask for a stay of the two cent transfer order.

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trate Miller in \$10,000 bonds on a charge of homicide and attempting to escape after having struck Miller. Walter's bonds were fixed at \$500, and he was charged with carrying concealed weapons after the police found a pair of brass knuckles in his pocket, as they allege. Winkler was uninjured but Walter's wrist was broken.

Assistant District Attorney Morris of Queens county asked Magistrate Kochenderfer yesterday to vacate the bail in Winkler's case, as he said it had been decided to prosecute him for first degree murder. Dana Wallace, his attorney, opposed the motion. The bail will remain in force until Friday, when the court will rule on the motion.

NICARAGUA BORDER CROSSED.

Costa Rican Troops Violated Neutrality, Claim.

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, July 8.—The chief of the Nicaraguan frontier guard at Sapo reports that a small detachment of Costa Rican Government troops has violated the neutrality of Nicaraguan territory.

A despatch from Managua Monday said it was reported there that Costa Rican troops had burned buildings at Pena Blanca which had been occupied by Costa Rican revolutionists. Pena Blanca is in southwestern Nicaragua, about two miles north of the Costa Rican frontier. Sapo is three miles north of Pena Blanca.

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